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In re the application of ) Examiner: J. C. McNeil  
Aita et al. )  
For: SELF-REPAIRING CERAMIC )  
COATING )  
Serial No.: 09/375,169 )  
Filed: August 16, 1999 )  
Docket No.: R0376-00100 )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

For further consideration pursuant to the concurrently filed Request For  
Continued Examination, please preliminarily amend the above identified application as  
follows: